



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This month of November is a time to remember and pray for those who have died. We will have a memorial book that contains the names of all our parishioners who have died during this past year. Please feel free to add names of your beloved deceased to our Book of the Dead. They will be remembered in our prayers.

Starting this weekend we will have the Masses simulcasted in St Thomas Hall. The purpose of the simulcast is for the sake of families with young children who do not want to disturb the rest of the congregation with their babies' unique participation. In addition to the simulcast, just a reminder that babysitters are available for a minimal charge at most Masses.

God Bless,
Fr Luke

Fall Mass and Confession Schedule

On the following Saturdays there will be no morning confessions or evening Vigil Mass due to the closing of Alderman Road for home football games: Nov 14 & 28. On these days, the church will be locked up following the 8:30 AM daily Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council

Congratulations to the four newly elected members of the Parish Council, Julie Zackrisson, Judy Zacharias, Sylvia Lobo and L Paul Harnois. We would also like to thank all the well-qualified candidates who ran and were willing to serve the Parish in this important Ministry.

Baptism

We welcome Eugene John Gregory IV and Teagan Elizabeth Kuehnle who through Baptism were received into our faith community.

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2009

- Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: *All Souls*
Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Tuesday: *St Martin de Porres*
Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: *All Saints of the Order of Preachers*
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, October 31**
8:30 AM Anne Margaret Daglieri †
NO 5:15 PM Mass - UVA Home Football Game
- Sunday, November 1**
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM Mary Jane Howell †
11:30 AM Madeline Marie Mitchell †
5:15 PM Mary Sharkey †
- Monday, November 2**
8:00 AM Ruby Hylton †
5:15 PM Deceased Members of St Thomas †
- Tuesday, November 3**
8:00 AM Renee Butler †
5:15 PM Deceased of the Nguyen Family †
- Wednesday, November 4**
8:00 AM Fr Robert Lawson †
5:15 PM Deceased of the Nguyen Family †
- Thursday, November 5**
8:00 AM Roberta Ann Daglieri †
5:15 PM Bob and Gert Quinn
- Friday, November 6**
8:00 AM Ellen R Moynihan †
5:15 PM Francis Quinn †
- Saturday, November 7**
8:30 AM Respect Life
5:15 PM Domenica & Lawrence Daglieri, Sr †

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Ted Oakey, Brad Gentry, Michael Mitchell, Consuelo Benson, Lauren Mara Miller, Mary Gallo, Victoria Amparo Villar, Matthew Grimes, Linda Weinhardt, Patrick Howell, Joe Guyton, Vincent Burins, LTC Mike Devine, Tomesa Jackson, Anna Mills' granddaughter Wanda Clements, Ann Savino, and Vanessa Thoms-Sprogis— If you or someone you know is ill and would like the prayers of our parish family please call the office. To keep the list current, names will be periodically removed.

Memorial Flower Donations

In addition to having a Mass said, you can remember your loved ones by dedicating the altar flower arrangements that beautify the Church. Please call Marta at the office for details.

PARISH FINANCES

October 18 and 25, 2009

Budgeted Weekly Expenses.....	\$18,879.78
Offertory 10-18-19	15,638.98
Offertory 10-25-09	13,516.08
Parish Charities	5,247.00
Other Income.....	876.10
Building Fund.....	965.00
Catholic Education Assessment	1,363.75

PARISH CENTER DEBT ELIMINATION

As of October 27, 2009

Previous Mortgage Balance.....	\$261,814.00
Mortgage Reduction	12,200.00
Outstanding Debt to be Eliminated	249,614.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Marta Brannon • 293-8081 x18 • marta@stauva.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

The November schedule is now available online and in the coordinator's room.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed 8:30AM to Thurs 5:00PM. Have you thought about spending just one hour with the Lord? Please consider it. You can call 244-5619 or e-mail srmlobo@hotmail.com for more information. Thanksgivings for favors received: "Thank you Lord for the return of a lost soul"; "Thank you for surrounding me with people who care and support me"; "Thank you Lord for giving my daughter the strength and guidance to make important decisions"; "Thanksgiving for my faith and for all that has happened in the last few weeks, I know Lord that you always look after me in a very special way."

Sunday 11:30AM Folk Choir

We invite new singers and musicians especially students to join. Please consider coming to our rehearsals at 10:45AM Sundays in the Church and see if you would like to be part of our music ministry. We would particularly like to have more piano players, violinists and bass players. Stop by after Mass for more information.

Sunday 9AM Choir

Everyone is welcome. In addition to Sunday Mass and Holy Days, we participate in the Holy Week combined choir. If Thursday rehearsals, 6-8PM, don't fit into your schedule then please join us on Sundays, 1-3PM. All rehearsals are in the music room which is directly across from the Parish Office. We hope to see you soon. "May God Give Us Faith to Sing Always!"

Gregorian Chant Mass: Sunday, 7:30 AM

The Schola, directed by John Harvey, is open to anyone interested in singing Gregorian Chant. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30PM in the church. Contact John at utre@comcast.net.



ADULT EDUCATION

Chris Gilbert • 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org

Natural Family Planning

Upcoming classes for STM method will be held on Thursdays, Nov 5 & 12 at 7:30PM. If you are interested in registering, please email: chvillenfp@yahoo.com. Check out our facebook page (search Charlottesville NFP) for further dates and announcements.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Would you like to learn more about *what* Catholics believe and *why*? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) takes place on Wednesdays at 7:30PM in St Thomas Hall. Info: dre@stauva.org or 293-8081.

Catholicism 101: Foot Prints of God Series

This is a video presentation on Salvation History set in the actual Holy Land sites and filmed on location with Stephen Ray. Each presentation is a stand alone session. The next meetings are Nov 7 & 21 at 10AM in the Community Room. Info: sackandpam@comcast.net

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St Martin de Porres Lecture Reception

Help is needed to bring food for the reception on Nov 4. There is a sign up in the Link next to the coordinator's table. Any kind of hors d'oeuvres or dessert would be most appreciated.

Mass for the Military

Father Joseph Scordo, OP, will celebrate a Military Mass honoring all veterans at St Thomas Aquinas, 5:15 PM on Veterans Day, 11 November 2009. Father Scordo is a retired Navy chaplain who has ministered to our military men and women for 20 years at numerous assignments including Kandahar, Afghanistan. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. All active duty, retired, reserve, and vets are especially invited as well as their families, friends and any member of the parish.

Silent Auction

The Knights of Columbus will hold a silent auction on **Nov 21 and 22 (change of date)**. If there are any businesses or parishioners who would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please call Mike Moyles at 978-1204. **Urgently seeking USAir miles from generous parishioner.** Thank you!

Knights of Columbus College Council

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. We invite students and men of our parish to join. For further info please contact Bob Savino, Grand Knight (rmsavino@comcast.net), pick up a brochure in the Link, or see the Knights website (www.kofc.org). Our next meeting will be held in Classroom 12, Chapel side, on Wed, Nov 4, with the Rosary at 6:45PM and General Meeting at 7:00.



RELIGIOUS ED / YOUTH MINISTRY

PreK-5 • Chris Gilbert 293-8081 x15 • dre@stauva.org
Gr 6-12 • Michael Balazs 293 8081x16 • michael@stauva.org

LifeTeen/EDGE

No LifeTeen/Edge this week. We will resume Nov 8.

Parent Sessions

Bored at Mass? How about your kids?: *November, 15 - 10:15 - 11:15AM - Brunch*

Upcoming Youth/Family Events

Crossroads: A night of fun for all middle school youth at Charlottesville Catholic School. We will be playing games like dodge ball, capture the flag, and much, much more on 11/6 from 7:00 - 9:00PM.

Fall Retreat: High schoolers are invited to join their peers for a weekend away from town on our awesome Fall Retreat. Great music, great speakers, and a time to grow deeper in faith and closer to the Lord. The registration form can be found online at stauvaym.blogspot.com. The cost is \$55 (includes late registration fee).

SCRIP

We are now over two weekends into our new SCRIP program with the goal of selling \$100k+ in gift cards over the next 12 months. Thanks to your generous support we are off to an incredible start, we have sold ~\$7500 in SCRIP cards already. To help us reach our goal, we will be selling SCRIP cards **every Sunday** both before and after Mass to make it easier for you to participate.

Christmas Order Forms: New this year, we will be doing a *Christmas Gift Card Sales Drive!* You can find order forms and details at the SCRIP table or online at stauvaym.blogspot.com under SCRIP on the right hand side.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is quick and easy way to support our programs and those of the Charlottesville Catholic School with **NO out of pocket cost** to you. You simply purchase gift and grocery cards from us at **100% of the their value** and we receive a portion of the proceeds.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
...Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”

— Mt 5:3, 9

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Michael Horsey • mlh6r@virginia.edu
John Hopke • johnhopke@stauva.org

Are You in Need of a Babysitter?

Catholic Student Ministry will provide a responsible student. For more information contact Kristina Wolf at kmw8z@virginia.edu.

Sunday Mass on Grounds During Academic Year

When the students are here there will be Sunday Mass in the UVA Chapel at 9:00PM.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 21-35
Stephanie Zilora • smz5c@virginia.edu

Attention Grad Students and Young Adults

YAM is a ministry at St Thomas Aquinas geared toward all people ages 21-35. Our goal is to offer young adult Catholics a community of faith and friendship devoted to spirituality, society, service, and study. If you are interested in being more involved with YAM or if you would like to be added to the e-mail list, contact Stephanie Zilora at smz5c@virginia.edu.

Ongoing Events

Please meet in the Link to join us for brunch on the third Sunday of every month after the 11:30AM Mass or for dinner on the first Friday of every month after the 5:15PM Mass.

SENIOR MINISTRY

For parishioners aged 60 and older
Barbara Brodie • bb9w@virginia.edu

November Coffee Break

Wednesday, November 11. We are **changing the regular date of the meeting back to the 2nd Wednesday of the month** so we can meet in the **Community Room**, which is a better space for socializing. We'll have a brief presentation by member Sally O'Neil on *Herbs in the Christian Tradition at Christmastime*. We also hope to have Père Blot, from St Michel's Parish in Saltadère, visit us to receive the funds we've gathered for Christmas gifts for the 500 children in the parish school.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

The Haitian Station

*St Thomas Parish – Twinned with
St Michel Parish, Saltadère, Haiti*

Père Blot to visit Nov 5-11: He will speak at all Masses here on Sun, Nov 8. He also plans to visit with the many groups who have helped the work in Saltadère, students at CCS and UVA and Seniors and parishioners at STA and at Holy Comforter where he will be at the Sat, Nov 7 Mass. **Sponsorship**

Drive: You can still sponsor a child and help with the funding of the new school year at St Michel School. Sponsorship is \$10/month or \$120/year. To learn more stop by the table downstairs or contact sponsorshipprogram@gmail.com.

Another way to help St Michel School: The committee is raffling a beautiful quilted wall hanging from Haiti and five other prizes in early December. Purchase tickets at our table at the Alternative Giving Fair next weekend. We will have a variety of Haitian arts and crafts on display. You can view a photo collage of the prizes on the Haiti table downstairs. Please fill out the raffle coupons there and place your completed forms and a check (checks only) in the envelopes provided for that purpose and drop the envelope in the "HAITI MAIL BOX" on that table. All proceeds benefit St Michel School. We thank you for your support. **Bi-Parish Haiti Committee:** The next meeting will be here on Nov 15, at 1PM. To learn more about the bi-parish committee, e-mail Paul Harnois at lpmhch@embarqmail.com.

**Food Collection for Holy Comforter**

Thank you for your continued giving! The pantry appreciates the following items: **canned fruit, chunky soups and meat/tuna, instant oatmeal, instant breakfast packages and toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)** Please leave your donations in the food baskets upstairs or downstairs

IMPACT

Thank you to those 27 who came to the Assembly! The next issue the congregations voted to focus on was Interpretive (Translation) Services. IMPACT will also continue to work on Preschool Education (issue from last year). If anyone is interested in being part of a research team for Preschool Education or Interpretive Services please contact Bridget Davis at slainte@embarqmail.com.

Death Penalty Film: Juan Melendez-6446

Will be shown this Sunday in St Thomas Hall at 12:30PM with presentations on Catholic Social Teaching by Jeff Caruso from the Virginia Catholic Conference and on the death penalty in Virginia by Beth Panilatis from Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Q&A and discussion. Refreshments will be served.

PACEM

St Thomas Aquinas will be helping the Church of the Incarnation host the men of PACEM the evening of Sun, Nov 15. Many volunteer opportunities are available from cooking to leading evening activities to spending an overnight. Sign up sheets are available this weekend on the easel downstairs by the food basket.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Charlottesville Catholic School

As we prepare for our 14th Annual Gala Auction, we are welcoming donations of use of a vacation home, gift certificate for a hotel stay, frequent flier miles, timeshares or other types of destination packages. If you are able to donate, please email Keri-Ann Byrne at development@cvillecatholic.org. All donations must be received by 12/7/09. Thank you!

The Notre Dame Club of Charlottesville

Is participating in "Sight Night" again this year and collecting eyeglasses on Halloween. Please donate your old prescription eyeglasses or non-prescription sunglasses in the designated box in the link by Nov 8. Through a partnership with One Sight & Lions Clubs International, the glasses are cleaned, categorized by prescription, and recycled for use in global clinics where they are hand-delivered to children and adults in developing countries. Website: charlottesville.undclub.org

Commemorative Mass for Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

On Tues, Nov 10, at 5:00PM at St Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg, a Mass will be celebrated to pray for the cause for Beatification of the late Archbishop Fulton J Sheen. A reception follows the Mass in the Church Commons. Information on the Mass can be found at www.sheenmass-williamsburg.org.

"Giving the Gift of Life" National Donor Sabbath

Nov 13-15. National Donor Sabbath is a time for faith communities to observe and support organ & tissue donation by registering your donation wishes and sharing your decision with your family. Donation & transplantation saves lives. Give the gift of life...sign up to be an organ and tissue donor.

Men's Breakfast and Morning Retreat

Sat, Nov 14. Topic: "Men's Spirituality in These Crazy Days", given by Rev Peter M Creed. Suggested donation is \$12. To sign up, call Tabor Retreat Center at 434-846-6475.

Weekend Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness

Dec 11-13 at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes Dec 1. Please call as soon as possible Dominican Retreat (703-356-4243) or Doug Sebek (703-860-4929).

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Pilgrimages

For info contact Julie Zackrisson at 296-4615 or julianne333@gmail.com. To register for either pilgrimage send an application and \$400 deposit made out to "206 Tours" to Julie at 2616 Cardinal Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Flyers/registration forms are in the Link.

The Holy Land: March 10-20, 2010, with Fr Luke Clark, OP. Come walk in the footsteps of the Lord and share in this life-changing experience! You will come away being able to visualize Scripture as you hear it and your heart will be forever touched! The cost is \$2,849 plus airport taxes.

Medjugorje: Apr 21–May 1, 2010, with Fr Luke Clark, OP. Join us as we journey to a place where "Heaven Touches the Earth"! Medjugorje is a gift to our time and is filled with so many Graces! Cost is \$1,784/person + airport taxes of about \$400. We will also spend one day and night in beautiful Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic."

St. Thomas Aquinas Alternative Gift Fair

*Featuring handicrafts and food produced by low
income artisans and farmers in the U.S. and
around the world*

*Haitian Crafts
Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate
Fair Trade Handicrafts from around the World
Embroidery, Honey and Olive Oil from Palestinian Christians
Religious Books & Christmas Cards
Soups from Meals on Wheels
Attractions Book 2010*

*Join us in St. Thomas Hall, November 7,8
following each Mass
(payment must be made to each vendor individually)*